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1. SITUATION AT ASMARA CONTINUES RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. ALTHOUGH WE HEARD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT CELU WAS ATTEMPTING PERSUADE SMALL FACTORIES AND NON-UNIONIZED SHOPS TO CLOSE IN SYMPATHY WITH UNIONS ON STRIKE, MANY SHOPS AND SERVICE FACILITIES CONTINUED REMAIN OPEN TODAY. MEMBERS OF KAGNEW STATION LABOR UNION ALSO AGAIN APPEARED FOR WORK TODAY.

2. ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES IS ON STRIKE, ALONG WITH SUPPORT PERSONNEL AT AIRPORT INCLUDING FUEL DISTRIBUTORS. HOWEVER, BOTH YEMEN AND ALITALIA LANDED AND DEPARTED AT AIRPORT TODAY.

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3. EAL SOURCE HAS INFORMED ME EAL INTENDS TO CONTINUE ON STRIKE TOMORROW, BUT THAT PRESUMABLY AIRPORT WILL BE OPEN FOR FOREIGN AIRLINES. EAL SOURCE STATED FOREIGN AIRLINES IN FUTURE MIGHT ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING AVIATION GASOLINE IF PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH FUEL DISTRIBUTORS HARDEN THEIR ATTITUDE. IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, ANY MAC FLIGHTS COMING INTO ASMARA COULD ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING FUEL HERE.

4. CONGEN HAS CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN NORMAL POSTURE AND HAS REMAINED OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL THROUGHOUT POLITICAL CRISIS. USIS LIBRARY ALSO HAS REMAINED OPEN, WITH USUAL HIGH VOLUME OF PATRONAGE BY WELL-BEHAVED READERS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ANY INCIDENTS OR ANY VIOLENCE IN ASMARA, WITH MOST PEOPLE APPARENTLY HOPING THAT STRIKE WILL GO AWAY.
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